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# MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 25,174; Week ago 27,569; Year ago 25,218 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		<u>Fdr. HEIFERS:</u>		Hols. STEERS	
357 lbs.		362 lbs.		273 lbs	130.04
447 lbs. 548 lbs.		454 lbs. 547 lbs.		363 lbs. 445 lbs.	121.92 124.38
642 lbs. 747 lbs.		639 lbs. 734 lbs.		551 lbs. 656 lbs.	113.34 101.73
847 lbs.	108.05	821 lbs.		715 lbs.	96.33
947 lbs.	100.67	: ! !			

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4350; Week ago 4034; Year ago 4630

Compared to last week steers under 500 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, over 550 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heifers steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher, bull steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		<u>HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-750 lbs. 815-830 lbs.	152.00-182.50 142.00-160.00 125.00-144.00 118.00-132.00 114.00-121.50 103.00-106.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-650 lbs.	139.00-155.00 121.50-143.00 114.00-131.00 109.00-114.00 102.00	
Large 3 Ho 275-400 lbs Pkg 520 lbs	olsteins 115.00-126.00 105.00	SLAUGHTER CC Breaking and Bon lean) 55.00-64.00, 61.50-66.00. Lean 51.00-57.50, low of 57.50.	ing (70-85% high dressing (85-90%)	
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1035-2430 lbs., 65.00-74.00, high dressing 73.50-79.00, low dressing 62.00-65.00.  COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs a few ss, 800-1100 lbs with baby to 250 lb calves 1050.00-1385.00; pkg		REPLACEMENT Medium and Large few ss, 1100-1350 900.00-1100.00 pe lots blacks 3 to 7 y lbs 3rd stage 1220 head.	e 1-2, 2-7 yrs, lbs, 3rd stage, er head, couple yrs, 1190-1220	

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blacks 5-6 yrs 1560.00 per pair.

# SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 7502; week ago 8100; year ago 6202 Cow and Bull Receipts 1800; week ago 1600; year ago 1800 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1365; Springfield 04/26/05 Compared to last week, feeder steers steady. Heifers steady to 2.00 higher, holsteins under 500 lbs steady, 500-750 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

<u>STEERS:</u>		<u>HEIFERS</u> :	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	150.00-178.00 138.00-150.00 126.50-146.50 119.00-130.00 109.00-116.00 103.25-110.50 Scarce	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	136.00-160.00 130.00-140.00 120.50-134.00 107.50-120.00 103.50-108.00 100.00-104.00

Large Frame 3					
200-300 lbs.	123.00-146.00				
300-400 lbs.	120.00-128.00				
400-500 lbs.	116.00-127.00				
500-600 lbs.	108.00-119.00				
600-700 lbs.	95.00-110.00				
700-800 lbs.	94.00-102.00				
800-900 lbs.	Scarce				

**HOLSTEINS:** 

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1950.00-2175.00, Approved 1725.00-1900.00, Medium 1500.00-1700.00. Springer Heifers: Supreme 1950.00-2175.00, Approved 1725.00-1900.00

**Dairy Cattle Sales** 

Approved 1725.00-1900.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1175.00-1350.00, 600-700 lbs 1080.00-1410.00, 500-600 lbs 1035.00-1350.00, 400-500 lbs 1030.00-1170.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 430.00-620.00. Bulls 130.00-170.00.

Build 120.00

# **REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1350 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 835.00-1210.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 880-1310 lbs. with baby-275 lb calves 1050.00-1510.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 58.00-69.00, high dressing 69.00-73.00, Lean (85-90%) 50.00-59.50, low dressing 45.00-52.00.

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1340-2335 lbs. 70.00-80.50, high dressing 82.00-85.00.

# INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9313; Week ago 9598; Year ago 8588 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Sows 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 72.00 Weekly top price Friday 75.00

<u>SOWS:</u>

300-500 lbs 38.00-41.00 Over 500 lbs 41.00-45.00

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 2771; Week ago 2763; Year ago 2113 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows and bulls uneven 1.00 lower to 2.00 higher

		<u>STEERS:</u> Large 1& 1-2	FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
	300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	145.00-163.00 136.50-156.50 129.50-143.00 116.50-132.00 106.00-121.50	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	134.00-150.50 125.00-143.00 117.00-130.00 109.50-125.50 102.50-108.50 Scarce	
Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 975-1410 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage,		and Boning (70-	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 54.75- sing 61.25-69.25, 51.00-56.75		
	COW & CALF I and Large 1-2, 2 1350 lbs with 12 calves, 900.00-1	yrs to ss, 950- 5 to 325 lb	SLAUGHTER F Yield Grade 1-2 66.75-74.75, hig 81.00, low dress	, 1230-2340 lbs sh dressing 75.75-	

## EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville) Receipts 4774; Week ago 5008; Year ago; 3800 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1& 1-2		FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	143.00-173.00 137.00-158.00 127.00-148.00 120.00-133.75 107.00-123.75 104.00-112.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	127.00-151.00 122.00-151.00 115.00-136.50 110.00-129.75 100.00-110.00 Scarce	
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few High Select and Choice 2-3 87.25- 91.25		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 52.00-63.00, high dressing 57.50- 67.50, low dressing 40.00-54.00		
High Select and Choice 2-3 86.00-		SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2150 lbs, 65.25-75.25, high dressing ind. 80.00.		

# NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 583; Week ago 2187; Year ago 772
Slaughter Cattle Receipts 75; Week ago 145; Year ago 93 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter steers and heifers steady.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1-2		FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	154.00-156.00 139.00-154.50 132.00-140.25 120.25-135.00 112.00-122.50 Scarce	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	141.50-151.00 129.50-137.00 118.50-124.00 115.00-119.25 Scarce Scarce	
SLAUGHTER S' 2-3, 1100-1400 II		SLAUGHTER C and Boning (75-8 65.75, low dressi	35% lean) 58.00-	
<u>SLAUGHTER H</u> 2-3, 1000-1300 II		SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1400-		

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1385; Week ago 1700; Year ago 1049

Compared to last week steers and heifers over 400 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher, under 400 lbs 2.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00 higher.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u>		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and Large 1-2		Medium and Large 1-2		
250-300 lbs.		250-300 lbs.	142.00-149.00	
300-400 lbs.	145.00-169.00	300-350 lbs.	138.00-150.00	
400-450 lbs.	143.00-158.00	350-400 lbs.	128.00-142.00	
450-500 lbs.	134.00-143.00	400-500 lbs.	119.00-139.00	
500-600 lbs.	121.50-139.90	500-600 lbs.	112.00-135.00	
600-700 lbs.	112.00-126.00	600-650 lbs.	111.00-115.50	
700-750 lbs.	112.00-114.50	650-700 lbs.	101.00-110.00	
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-		
910-1520 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage		•	sing 56.00-62.00,	
700.00-950.00 per head.		Lean (85-90%) 40.00-45.50.		
and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 925- 1435 lbs with 70-210 lb calves		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1375- 72.50, high dress dressing 55.50-6	-2060 lbs 65.00- sing 77.50, low	

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Receipts 3051; Week ago 2749; Year ago 2649

FEEDER STEERS:

Compared to last week steers and heifers mostly steady except some heifers 350-450 lbs 3.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00

Medium and Large 1		Medium and	Large 1	
	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-830 lbs.	158.00-177.00 141.00-160.00 131.00-143.00 124.00-134.50 110.50-120.25	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-750 lbs.	139.00-149.50 131.00-147.00 122.00-135.00 114.00-123.75
Medium and Large 1-2, 3-9 yrs 925-1350 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 945.00-1075.00 per head		SLAUGHTER COV and Boning (70-85% 62.00, high dressing Lean (85-90%) 50.0 dressing 44.00-50.0	% lean) 55.00- g 64.00-67.50, 00-56.50, low	
	COW & CALF PA and Large 1-2, 2 to lbs with baby to 20 1175.00-1400.00 pc	9 yrs 850-1075 0 lb calves,	SLAUGHTER BUI Grade 1-2, 1350-22 73.00, high dressin low dressing 60.00-	50 lbs, 65.00- g 73.50-75.50,

# MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 1200; Week ago 600; Year ago 1000 Compared to last week, trade moderate to slow. Live sales 2.00 to 4.00 lower, dressed sales on grid basis 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate with lower bids.

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STEERS: 50-70% Choice 1200- 1250 lbs 90.00	STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No Sales
<u>HEIFERS:</u> 50-70% Choice 1100- 1150 lbs 90.00	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 148.00- 150.00, few early 152.00. Select 3 550-950 lbs. 131.00-135.00.

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 14,079 (FOB 2,850 Delivered 11,229)

Compared to last week, weaner pigs and feeder pigs steady. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights. Fob the farm, 9.6% negotiated.

2,850 head 10 lbs 32.00-33.00 weighted average 10 lbs 32.65.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights. Delivered, 32.4% negotiated.

10,354 head 10 lbs 33.00-48.00 weighted average 10 lbs 36.57

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes. Delivered 100% negotiated

565 head 40-50 lbs 72.00-73.25 weighted average 42.9 lbs 72.71

#### MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 50,000; Week ago 47,000; Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs steady Slaughter Ewes steady-5.00 higher Feeder Lambs steady-10.00 higher

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-3 35.00-50.00, Cull 1 25.00-35.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 106.00- 1-2 60-80 lbs 125.00-150.00, 80-108.00, wooled 104.00-106.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 100 lbs 110.00-125.00.

# Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

A good portion of Missouri saw several days of frost early in the week. The good news is it may have slowed the weevil. The bad news is that corn planters are traveling over some of the same acres they did in March. Replanting is more common in the southern areas of the state where an advanced growth state left it more vulnerable to the cold than more northern areas. Several acres of alfalfa were cut late last week and several more this week. By midweek some of the first hay of the season went in the barn in southern Missouri. Wheat is heading in some of southern Missouri. Hay prices steady. Demand is light. Supply is moderate. (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 115.00-135.00 Premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 30.00-80.00 Small, Big squares and baleage (dry weight) 70.00-100.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.00 per bale 20.00-40.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-70.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-85.00 Fair quality Brome some mixed with grass round bales 10.00-25.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 2.50-3.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 10.00-25.00 per round bale 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 7.00-15.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small bale.

# **Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market**

(Koshkonong) Receipts: 89

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 140.00; 60-80 lbs 131.00. Selection 2 40-60 lbs 128.00; Selection 3 40-60 lbs 100.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: medium 70.00; fat 65.00; thin or fat 60.00 per cwt. Pygmy does 65.00. Slaughter Bucks/Billies yearlings 88.00, medium 70.00, thin 60.00, Pygmy billies 65.00. Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice Pkg. 96 lbs 100.00, pkg hair lambs 69 lbs 115.00. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and good 1-4 40.00-45.00, thin 90.00, Slaughter bucks, individual 306 lbs 35.00.

# WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	656,000	1,850,000	50,000
Last week	622,000	1,918,000	47,000
Last Year	686,000	1,843,000	46,000
2005 yr. to date	10,615,000	35,519,000	907,000
2004 yr. to date	11,091,000	35,860,000	985,000

# MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .08 lower, Medium .07 lower, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .18-.27, Medium .08-.14, Small .06-.10.

#### **By-Product Feed Prices**

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 60.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 150.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 84.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, Il 65.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 33.00. Prices per ton.

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .04 to .16 higher, Wheat .08 to .09 lower, Corn .04 to .05 lower, KC Wheat .11 to .15 lower, Soybean Meal .10 to 1.10 higher, except Oct 1.00 lower.

### Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans May Jul Aug Sep Nov	619 1/4 627 1/4 625 3/4 622 1/2 622	618 3/4 625 1/2 625 1/2 620 1/2 619 1/4	620 624 1/2 624 1/4 618 1/2 615 3/4	623 1/2 628 3/4 627 1/4 619 1/2 616 3/4	635 640 637 3/4 627 1/2 625
Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	314 1/2 323 1/4 331 3/4 340 1/2 349	308 1/4 317 3/4 326 335 1/4 344 1/2	308 1/4 317 1/4 325 3/4 334 1/4 343 1/2	305 313 3/4 322 331 3/4 340 1/2	309 1/2 317 326 335 1/4 344
Corn May Jul Sep Dec Mar	200 1/2 209 217 225 1/2 234 1/4	197 205 213 223 230 3/4	198 206 214 1/4 223 3/4 231 3/4	199 3/4 208 216 1/4 225 1/2 233 1/4	200 1/2 208 1/4 216 1/4 226 233 3/4
KC Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	337 326 332 1/2 343 352	331 319 3/4 325 1/2 336 344 1/2	328 1/2 318 3/4 324 1/2 336 342 3/4	325 3/4 315 1/2 321 1/4 332 3/4 340 1/2	328 1/2 320 325 336 342 1/2
SB Meal May Jul Aug Sep Oct	195.00 194.00 194.00 193.60 192.50	192.40 191.80 192.10 191.00 190.00	191.30 190.70 190.70 189.60 188.40	193.30 192.20 192.00 190.50 189.00	195.40 194.60 194.30 192.50 191.00

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .57 to .63 lower, Lean Hogs .05 to 1.83 lower, except May .20 higher. Pork Bellies unchanged to 1.77 lower, Feeder Cattle .90 to 1.55 higher.

#### Daily Futures Closes

Daily 1 didies closes								
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.			
Cattle Jun Aug Oct Dec Feb	84.95 85.65 85.70 86.60 87.22	85.40 86.12 86.20 87.32 87.72	84.92 85.60 86.02 86.92 87.47	85.42 85.90 86.60 87.47 87.97	85.05 85.40 86.50 87.35 87.97			
Lean Hogs May Jun Jul Aug Oct	79.07 77.42 78.90 76.22 64.70	78.62 76.57 77.92 75.67 64.32	79.42 76.82 78.22 75.92 64.47	79.77 77.22 77.95 75.92 64.60	78.35 76.15 76.92 75.65 64.32			
Prk Bel May Jul Aug Feb Mar	82.15 82.87 81.02 88.25 85.50	83.92 84.12 81.87 85.50 85.50	83.35 83.55 81.15 88.50 85.50	82.95 83.12 80.90 88.25 85.50	81.35 82.30 80.42 87.75 85.50			
Fdr Cat May Aug Sep Oct Nov	108.52 107.95 107.15 106.15 105.05	110.05 109.57 108.55 107.47 106.20	109.60 109.05 107.85 106.75 105.77	110.42 109.85 108.65 107.45 106.60	110.22 109.55 108.30 107.30 106.25			
Milk May Jun Jul	13.61 13.52 14.03	13.67 13.55 14.05	13.62 13.48 13.91	13.62 13.45 13.80				

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# MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .16 to .22 higher Wheat .15 to .21 lower Corn .02 to .06 lower Grain Sorghum .01 lower to .06 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

	Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids								
Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum					
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.20 6.19 6.18 6.21-6.22 6.35-6.38	3.32 3.21 3.20 3.11 3.15	1.86-1.89 1.82-1.85 1.83-1.86 1.85-1.88 1.88	3.30 3.23 3.25 3.29 3.29					
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.35-6.38 6.33-6.38 6.37 6.38-6.41 6.49-6.52	3.34 3.27 3.25 3.22 3.25	2.14 2.09-2.10 2.11 2.11-2.14 2.13	3.80 3.73 3.71 3.80 3.80					
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.95-6.00 5.93-5.99 5.93-5.99 6.00-6.05 6.11-6.16	2.88-2.95 2.83-2.88 2.82-2.87 2.79-2.84 2.82-2.87	1.76-1.78 1.72-1.74 1.73-1.75 1.75-1.78 1.74-1.78	2.87 2.80 2.82 2.86 2.86					
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.28-6.35 6.30-6.35 6.30-6.34 6.35-6.39 6.46-6.50	3.25-3.37 3.21-3.32 3.20-3.31 3.20-3.23 3.20-3.28	2.02-2.09 2.01-2.05 2.04-2.07 2.05-2.09 2.05-2.09	3.73-3.75 3.66-3.71 3.68-3.86 3.64-3.75 3.66-3.78					

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
\*NEW CROP

Weekly Crop Report

Several days of damp weather and continued muddy fields over most of the State again delayed planting progress during the past week. The cold temperatures slowed growth of crops and pastures in all areas. Light frost affected crops in many counties, particularly in corn, although damage in most cases was expected to be limited to be the loss of upper leaf parts without damaging the lower growing point of plants. A few fields of early-planted soybeans which had just begun emerging at the time of frost are expected to be replanted. The State averaged 3 days suitable for fieldwork. Eighty-one percent of the ground intended for spring crops has been worked at least once, still a few days ahead of both last year and normal. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus, similar to a week earlier. Subsoil moisture is rated as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 90 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Field Crops Report Seventy-three percent of the intended corn acreage has been planted, 9 days behind the early progress of last year but similar to the 5-year average of 74 percent. Corn on 45 percent of the expected acreage has emerged, also well behind last year but equal to normal. Yellow leaves are common in many corn fields as a result of the damp, cool weather. Soybean planting is 6 percent complete, at least 4 days behind both last year and the average for this date. Many farmers have been reluctant to plant beans until warmer temperatures arrive. Twelve percent of the sorghum is planted, nearly a week behind both a year earlier and normal. Rice planting is 57 percent complete, 9 days behind last year's early progress but 3 days ahead of the average of 47 percent. Fifteen percent of the rice has emerged, sharply behind last year and a day behind average. Cotton planting jumped to 42 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 33 percent normal for this date. The winter wheat crop is 19 percent headed, 3 days behind both last year and average. Condition of wheat is rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 51 percent good and 7 percent excellent, virtually the same as a week earlier. Disease and rust are reported in wheat fields in some western and southeastern counties. Pasture & Livestock Pasture condition is reported as 4 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 58 percent good and 6 percent excellent.